



Lexington

s23 Oakland Street

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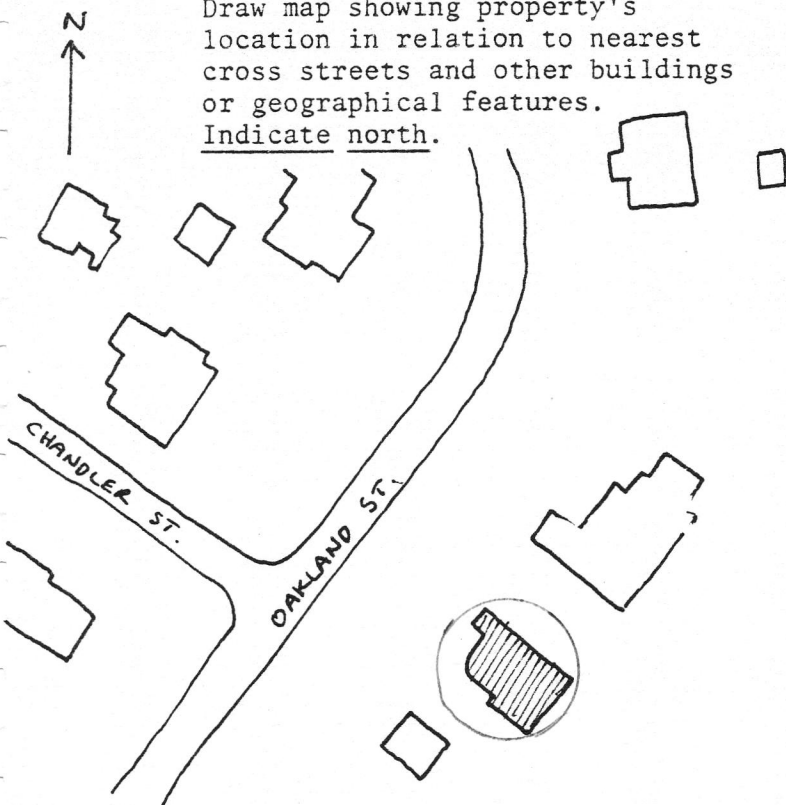
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SKETCH MAP

Draw map showing property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings or geographical features. Indicate north.



DESCRIPTION:

Date 1887

Source Minute-man, July 22, 1887

Style Queen Anne

Architect

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings 2 car garage

Major alterations (with dates)
1 window 1953

Moved Date

Approx. acreage .7 (29137')

Setting Meriam Hill; residential street
of ample houses built in the late nine-
teenth century.

Recorded by Audrey R. MacCarey; Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Comm.

Date 4-16-76; March, 1984

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

end gable; half-hip roof.

Fine example of Queen Anne

Front door recessed in glassed-in porch, left, w/turned columns, dentiled cornice, railing w/slats. Stairs left rear side to back porch. 3-sided bay up & down on right; modified palladian window 2nd floor.

This house is slightly more vernacular in design than most of its contemporaries on Meriam Hill, but comparable in size.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

George B. Grant established the Lexington Gear Works in the mid 1880s in a building constructed for the purpose on Fletcher Street. The factory specialized in iron and brass gearing from one inch to six feet in diameter and in high precision gearing. Grant had built up his business in Boston, and the factory in Lexington was additional manufacturing space. (Note: the buildings remain in use today as the Jefferson Union Company.) Grant Street was named for Mr. Grant.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
23 OAKLAND ST.

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was one of a handful of dwellings constructed on Meriam Hill in 1887 (see also 14, 16, 20 & 25 Oakland Street). David W. Muzzey sold the land to George B. Grant in July (*Minute-man*, July 22, 1887). The only mention of the construction of the house in the local newspaper was the completion of a sidewalk by Grant the following year (*Minute-man*, October 19, 1888). George Grant is shown as the owner on the 1898 but apparently sold the property shortly thereafter.

By the time of the 1899 directory, the property was owned by Edwin Bayley, a Boston lawyer. Bayley continued to live here until about 1926. By 1930 the house was owned and occupied by Clarence I. Lewis, a Harvard professor, and his wife Mabel. Clarence and Mabel Lewis sold the house in 1953 to Samuel and Helen Kitrosser, who retained ownership until 2000.

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